

Examiner's Amendment

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

The application has been amended as follows:

In the claim amend claim 1 as listed below:

1. (Currently Amended) An apparatus comprising: an AC switching circuit; a control circuit coupled to the AC switching circuit; and a biasing snubber circuit coupled to the switching circuit and the control circuit to capture energy from a circuit switched by the switching circuit and to provide at least a portion of the captured energy to bias the control circuit; wherein the AC switching circuit comprises: a first Field Effect Transistor (FET) having a first source, a first gate and a first drain; a second FET having a second drain, a second source coupled to the first source and a second gate coupled to the first gate; a first diode having a first anode coupled to the first source and a first cathode coupled to the first drain; and a second diode having a second anode coupled to the second source and a second cathode coupled to the second drain.

In the claim cancel claim 8.

Art Unit: 2838

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to RAJNIKANT PATEL whose telephone number is (571)272-2082. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8.30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Lewis Monica can be reached on 571-272-1838. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only. For more information about the PAIR system, see <http://pair-direct.uspto.gov>. Should you have questions on access to the Private PAIR system, contact the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 866-217-9197 (toll-free). If you would like assistance from a USPTO Customer Service Representative or access to the automated information system, call 800-786-9199 (IN USA OR CANADA) or 571-272-1000.

/RAJNIKANT B. PATEL/
Primary Examiner, Art Unit 2838
